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Bob Bowie and I lunched together. We talked at length of our native State, Maryland, and its attractions. To a lesser extent we canvassed the question of better personnel selection in the State Department, where the procedure, long in force, is much less efficient than in the case of business corporations searching out promising young men.

Mr. Molotov opened. None of the Ministers was verbose.

Eden told me during the buffet interval that he thought there was no possibility of agreement at this time on German unification.

Molotov got deep into semantics this afternoon.

Question of freedom of All German government to assume or reject international obligations contracted by either Fedrep or the Democratic Republic consumed much time. The Western Foreign Ministers have repeatedly stated their intention to grant complete liberty in this respect.

The danger now is that Molotov will say: "Very well, and if the new government does not accept EDC it will then have the right to rearm and recreate a national army and general staff and all the appanages of aggressive militarism."

This would entail more fruitless discussion and should be avoided.

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